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### NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the return of a 3-count indictment<sup>1</sup> against 13 persons: David Bernard, William Dekeyser, a/k/a "Wee," a/k/a "Bey," Michael Wilson, a/k/a "Miz," Lamont Booker, a/k/a "Mont," a/k/a "Damon Booker," Allen Price, William Bernard, a/k/a "Man," Edwin Correa, Sherie Taylor, Phillip Stewart, September Tiller, Doyya Johnson, Robert Spears, and Mikel Sass, charging them with conspiracy to commit bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, and two counts of bank fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

The indictment charges that the defendants conspired and schemed to defraud Citizens Bank and PNC Bank out of more than \$600,000, through a scheme involving fraudulent bank accounts.

According to the indictment, defendants Bernard, Dekeyser, Wilson, Booker and Price led the conspiracy. The indictment charges that these ringleader defendants offered money to other persons, including the remaining defendants, in exchange for those persons opening bank accounts in their own names and turning over their personal identification numbers ("PINs"), debit cards, and starter checks to the ringleader defendants. According to the indictment, the ringleader defendants inflated the balances of the accounts through various means including the deposit of worthless checks, then withdrew the money using the PINs, debit cards and starter checks.

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH & AGE
David Bernard	4141 Woodland Street, Philadelphia PA 19104	7/31/77 (age 27)
William Dekeyser, a/k/a "Wee," a/k/a "Bey"	2219 Yelland Street, Philadelphia PA 19140	3/17/69 (age 35)

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH & AGE
Michael Wilson, a/k/a “Miz”	2023 St. Albans Street, Philadelphia PA 19146	3/12/74 (age 30)
Lamont Booker, a/k/a “Mont,” a/k/a “Damon Booker”	224 South Melville Street, Philadelphia PA	12/12/77 (age 26)
Allen Price	13 North Ruby Street, Philadelphia PA	10/4/77 (age 26)
William Bernard, a/k/a “Man”	4141 Woodland Street, Philadelphia PA 19104	8/8/72 (age 32)
Edwin Correa	5041 North Eighth Street, Philadelphia PA 19120	12/10/80 (age 23)
Sherie Taylor	5583 Hill Creek Circle, Philadelphia PA 19120	7/30/80 (age 24)
Phillip Stewart	213 East Jacoby Street, Norristown PA	2/26/83 (age 21)
September Tiller	1155 Bloomdale Road, Philadelphia PA 19115	9/22/80 (age 24)
Doyya Johnson	1339 Naraganset Street, Philadelphia PA 19140	5/18/80 (age 24)
Robert Spears	1920 North Patton Street, Philadelphia PA 19121	8/21/78 (age 26)
Mikel Sass	1428 Comly Street, Philadelphia PA 19149	8/23/83 (age 21)

If convicted of all counts, each defendant faces the following statutory penalties:

**DAVID BERNARD:** Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$119,353.00.

**WILLIAM DEKEYSER**: Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$60,395.00.

**MICHAEL WILSON**: Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$30,661.00.

**LAMONT BOOKER**: Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$31,973.00

**ALLEN PRICE**: Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$12,135.00.

**WILLIAM BERNARD**: Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$25,196.00.

**EDWIN CORREA (1 Count of Bank Fraud, Citizens Bank)** Thirty-five years in prison, five years supervised released, a fine of up to \$1,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$4,722.00.

**SHERIE TAYLOR (1 Count of Bank Fraud, Citizens Bank)** Thirty-five years in prison, five years supervised released, a fine of up to \$1,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$6,832.00.

**PHILLIP STEWART (1 Count of Bank Fraud, Citizens Bank)** Thirty-five years in prison, five years supervised released, a fine of up to \$1,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$5,277.00.

**SEPTEMBER TILLER (1 Count of Bank Fraud, Citizens Bank)** Thirty-five years in prison, five years supervised released, a fine of up to \$1,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$3,750.00.

**DOYYA JOHNSON (1 Count of Bank Fraud, Citizens Bank)** Thirty-five years in prison, five years supervised released, a fine of up to \$1,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$10,895.00.

**ROBERT SPEARS (2 Counts Bank Fraud, Citizens and PNC Bank)** Sixty-five years in prison, five years supervised release, a fine of up to \$2,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$8,045.00.

**MIKEL SASS (1 Count of Bank Fraud, Citizens Bank)** Thirty-five years in prison, five years supervised released, a fine of up to \$1,250,000, a special assessment of \$300, and restitution of \$7,093.00.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the United States Secret Service, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office; it has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Mary E. Crawley and Special Assistant United States Attorney Brian M. Zarallo from the District Attorney's Office.

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